

DR. MOSHE SNEH (1908-1972) - "They will learn that there has been a prophet among them."  
IN MEMORIAM

# GRAUSTARK

- Ezekiel 33:33

#260. 1970BB, 1970BN, 1971EB, 1971EC, 1971EE, 1972A, 1972E, 1972G 1E March

1971EE "Fall 1902"

## BALKAN DEADLOCK CONTINUES

In the "Spring" moves the Austro-Hungarian "Fo Gre S A Ser-Bul" fails, so the Turkish A Bul holds. Players were notified.

ENGLAND (Trtek): A Nwy holds; F Nth S FRENCH A Bel; F Ska-Den; F Nrg S F Nth.

FRANCE (West): A Bel holds; A Bur-Mun; A Mar-Spa; F Spa(s.c.)-Lyo; F Mid-Wes.

GERMANY (Tesser): F Den-Nth; A Ruh-Bel; F Hol S A Ruh-Bel; A Sil-Mun.

ITALY (Horton): F Ion-Aeg; F Tyr-Ion; A Tun & A Pic hold.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Edciken): A Bud-Rum; A Ser S A Bud-Rum; A Tri S A Ser; A Gal S Bud-Rum; F Gre S ITALIAN F Ion-Aeg.

RUSSIA (P. Wood): A Sev S F Rum; A Ukr S A War; F Swe S ENGLISH F Ska-Den; F Rum S TURKISH A Bul; A War not ordered, holds.

TURKEY (Drakert): A Bul S RUSSIAN F Rum; A Con S A Bul; F Aeg holds; F Eas S F Aeg.

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats A Bel-Pic. Germany may retreat F Den-Bal, -Kie, or -Hel; the direction of this German retreat should be phoned in to the Gamesmaster immediately so that the other players may be informed. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (5)

FRANCE: Bro, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (5)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Hol, Kie, Mun. (5)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri, Vie. (5)

RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (6)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)

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1972A "Spring 1902"

## GERMANS CUT DEEP INTO FRANCE

ENGLAND (Alfenito): A Edi-Nwy; F Nth C A Edi-Nwy; F Nrg-Bar.

FRANCE (Powell): A Pic-Tus; A Bur-Bel; F Spa(s.c.)-Wes; F Mar-Lyo.

GERMANY (Huddleston): A Bel-Pic; A Mun-Bur; A Hol holds; A Ber-Sil; F Kie-Bal; F Den S F Kie-Bal.

ITALY (Tretick): A Ven & A Tun hold; F Nap-Tyr; F Ion S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Alb-Gre.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Honig): A Vie-Gal; A Bud S A Vie-Gal; F Alb-Gre; A Ser S F Alb-Gre.

RUSSIA (De Prisco): F Rum-Bla; A Sev S TURKISH A Bul-Rum; F Bot-Swe; A Fin S F Bot-Swe; A War-Ukr.

TURKEY (Murray): F Smy-Eas; A Con-Bul; A Bul-Rum; F Aeg S A Con-Bul.

Scott Huddleston has a new phone number: 615-297-7740; his address remains the same. Joseph Alfenito's phone number is 914-632-1837. Press releases appear on p. 5. The deadline for "Fall 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 25 MARCH 1972.\*

## ALL 1971BN PLAYERS PLEASE NOTE:

Following the "Fall 1910" moves printed on p. 3, the French A Ruh and the English F Nwy are annihilated. Russia acquires Sweden from England and Belgium from France. Thus only 2 Russian builds are needed for "Winter 1910". These builds are to be sent in immediately, and the Gamesmaster will inform the other players. The deadline for "Spring 1911" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 25 MARCH 1972.

Press releases are on p. 8. This publication is not edited under the supervision of Bangs Leslie Tapscott.

\*-Tretick's plans are changed; his Maryland address is still valid.

1972E

"Winter 1901"

## GERMANY DEFIES FRANCE, POPE DEFIES EXPLANATION

ENGLAND (Abbott): Builds F Lon, F Liv.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Prosnitz): Builds A Bud.

FRANCE (McCormick): Builds A Par.

RUSSIA (Malone): Builds A Mos.

GERMANY (Fong): Builds A Ber.

TURKEY (Osmanson): Builds F Ank, F Con.

ITALY (Strayer): No build received.

The deadline for "Spring 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 25 MARCH 1972.

BERLIN: The German government is reasonable enough to consider any initial hostile contact in Belgium accidental and a situation which can be discussed reasonably and sensibly. We cannot however overlook the French invasion of Munich as anything but a direct act of war. We are sorry that France finds it necessary to force us into the English camp and thus create two enemies where there had been only one. We hope that the people of France will soon see the desasterous policy its government is following and arise before their land is in ruin. We appeal to the people to arise and let this reign of violence end quickly.

ROME (13 Oct. 1901): The scene is the Vatican where the college of Cardinals has assembled to receive from the Pope a statement of Papal wartime policy. To look at the assembled Cardinals one wouldn't surmise that there was a war going on, for they were merrily sipping wine, nibbling soda crackers, and shooting spitwads at one another. In due time the Pope joins the expectant crowd and a shroud of silence falls upon the congregation as a few poorly-aimed, last-second spitwads splattered harmlessly upon the walls and floor.

In these troubled times, besieged as we all are on every front, there is but one man in whom the world can place its faith hope and destiny, a man who has won more battles than he has fought. And that man is today's distinguished speaker, the world's generated, veneered leader, His Holiness, Pope Genitaglio. And the message to be delivered by the Pope is his "Prophecy of Power" address. Starting soft and slow like a small earthquake the Pontif cited a "lack of unity" as being mainly responsible for the blood that will surely be spilled in the years ahead. But unlike so many of today's critics, His Holiness offered the following SOLUTION to the world's problems:

"I, as leader, will wield power like a drum and leadership like a violin. Pick out any idea and compare ideas and without a doubt there can be no doubt that there is ENTHUSIASM! Yes, dear children, this is the prophecy of power as ENTHUSIASM!! But we can't do it alone. No, we need the hopes, the faith, the prayers, the fears, the sweat, the pain, the boils, the tears, the broken bones, the broken homes, the utter degradation of every patriot in Europe! And how are we going to accomplish our objectives? Here at the Powerhouse Church of the Presumptuous Assumption we aren't interested in stupid questions like that. No, dear children, there can be but one answer, glimmering like a shining new wheelchair - GET IN STEP WITH THE FEET ALREADY DEAD IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY!!!"

And then, having concluded his speech, Pope Genitaglio stalked out of the Vatican, jumped into his motor-operated wheelchair of brightest gold, and set out for Naples where the flagship Wheelchair waits to take His Holiness on a visit to Tunis across the wine-dark sea in the temple by the moonlight we dee do da.....

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England, Germany, , and Russia may each build one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 25 MARCH 1972.

VIENNA (Consolidated Royal Azerbaijan Press Services): It is reliably reported that the foreign minister of the dual monarchies, when told of the Turkish demands, giggled for a bit before remarking: "Hearing such Lombard is always good comic relief when one is thinking of more weighty topics such as the Schleswig-Holstein problems. Be assured that as soon as a clear of menial enough status is found the Turkish government will be properly answered."

LONDON (5 Aug. 1902): Reacting publicly for the first time on the matter, the British government today denounced German attacks against Russia.

LONDON (10 Sept. 1902): Angry crowds rioted in Trafalgar Square today as news reached the British Isles that German forces had marched into Hol- land. Punch announced it was opening a "Tell a Hun Joke" contest.

NOTE: From 15-26 March Trtek's address will be 215 S. E. 24th Ave., Hillsboro, Oregon 97123; 213-648-2207.

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With the end of 1970BB, and the imminent expiration of several subscriptions, players and subscribers should observe when their subscriptions will run out. If you are a player in 1970BB, or a paid subscriber, your subscription will expire with the indicated issue:

260 - Casey	263 - Carawan	268 - Reif	279 - Richard
Comber	Scher	269 - Allen	Miller
Cook	Strickland	Proujansky	280 - Nelson
Isby	264 - McCunney	270 - Fish	286 - Rack
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1970BN

"Fall 1910"

## RUSSIANS FINALLY OVERRUN SCANDI-AVIA

The "Spring" French move A Bur-Ruh and Turkish move A Rom-Tus were incorrectly underlined as impossible. Following "Spring 1910" moves England retreated F Nrg-Edi.

ENGLAND (H. Anderson): F Ska-Swo; F Nwy S F Ska-Swe; F Nth S F Nwy; F Edi-Nrg.

FRANCE (Nierenberg): F Lyo-Tyr F Wes S F Lyo-Tyr; A Par-Bur; A Mar S A Par-Bur; A Nth S A Par-Bur; A Pic-Bel.

ITALY (Model): F Tun S. FRENCH. F Wes.

RUSSIA (Buchanan): F Bar-Nwy; A Fin S F Bar-Nwy; F Nrg-Nth; F Swe-Ska; F Bot-Bal; F Den-Ska; A Hol S A Bel; A Bel S A Hol; A Kie-Ruh; A Mun S A Kie-Ruh; F Aeg-Ion; F Con-Aeg; A Ber-Sil.

TURKEY (Barents): A Ven-Apu; A Tus-Ven; A Pie-Mar; F Bul(s.c.)-Con; A Smy S F Bul(s.c.)-Con; F Rom-Tus; F Nap-Rom; F Ion-Nap; F Gre S F Eas S RUS-SIAN F Aeg-Ion.

See p. 1 for information about builds and the next deadline.

1971EB

"Winter 1902"

## FRENCH HOLD BELGIUM

Following "Fall 1902" moves the German in Bel was dislodged and is killed. This means that Belgium is a French supply center, rather than a German one as listed in GRAUSTARK #259. No French removal was necessary.

ENGLAND (Birsan): Builds F Edi, A Liv, F Lon.

GERMANY (Grayson): Removes F Hel.

RUSSIA (Silverman): Builds A Sev.

The deadline for "Spring 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 25 MARCH 1972.

PARIS: Why did Kaiser Grayson pay \$6 for a Diplomacy game when he didn't want to write anyone?

MUNICH: The First French Drinking Brigade was rudely expelled from the Bavarian Beer Fest when it was discovered that they were outdrinking (and outthinking) the Germans. They vowed to return next year.

NAPLES (13 Nov. 1902): Admiral Poni-Poni states that the Italian Fleets are on extended NATO war games in the Eastern Mediterranean. They will remain until they have replenished stores.

ROME (15 Nov. 1902): King Victor the Silly said he approved of the Navy's actions but wanted to know, "What is a NATO?"

TUSCANY (25 Nov. 1902): Rumors flew in this province that Prince Balbo is planning a "coup" with the aid of a band of Rough Riders!

1971EC

"Winter 1902"

## POLITIDAREANS HOLD NOSES

ENGLAND (Lipton): Builds F Lon.

RUSSIA (Barents): Removes F Bal.

GERMANY (Berman): Builds A Ber.

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TURKS HOLD ON

"Winter 1901"

MUNICH: The WAS regrets to inform the Italians that it is now impossible for them to reach Munich by Oktoberfest but hopes they can avoid the spring muds in Tyrolia. The WAS also wishes to announce a planned spring visit to Bohemia, with his Honor Guard, to pay his respects to his friends in Vienna. It is hoped that those greedy money changers in England noticed the suburb manner in which the 13th Corps helped the free people of Denmark maintain their liberty & that it will continue to do so.

ROME: The Italian government expressed surprise and shock today over the Russian infringement on Austrian territory at a press conference held at the Coliseum. Italy has already admitted to this reporter that a small contingent of Papal Guards was sent to guard the Austrian archduke who was vacationing in Tyrolia but they will return shortly.

MASONOPOLIS, PHUMPHA (IDUNNO): Umberto the Last today denied rumors that the name "Phumpha" was derived from various obscene rites. He stated instead, that it almost certainly derived from the fact that the region was once infamous for its tuba playing. This theory is supported by the discovery of a marble tuba in Meroakia.

ENGLAND (Lipton): Builds F Edi.

RUSSIA (Atteberry): Builds A Mas, A War,

FRANCE (Underwood): No build rec'd. F St.P(n.c.).

GERMANY (De Jonghe): Builds A Mun, A Ber. TURKEY (Blandin): Builds F Smy.

ITALY (Devereaux): Builds F Nap.

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GRAUSTARK readers who are not presently playing in a game will receive the 261st and 262nd issues in a 3rd-class mail bundle sometime after 8 April 1972. Included also will be PRISCVS ORDO SECLORVM #IX and, if you are a non-playing subscriber or trader of FREEDONIA, the 2nd and 3rd issues of that 'zine. FREEDONIA is a bulletin for the postal play of Avalon-Hill's new game Origins of World War II.

## AUSTRIA-HUNGARY WINS WAR!

Substitute Gamesmaster Richard Miller, standing in for John Beshara while he is out of the country, reports that Sam Nierenberg has just won as Austria-Hungary. Following "1914" moves he had 17 supply centers, while Russia was unable to make a build due to lack of an open home supply center. This means that Austria-Hungary now has 17 out of 33 units on the board, and that therefore, by the 1961 Diplomacy rules which were in effect at the time this game began, Nierenberg has won.

The game's roster is to the right, and the supply center chart is below. An asterisk indicates a unit that was, for some reason, not built. An analysis of the game by the Gamesmaster will be printed in a future issue.

1970BB - John Beshara  
 E - Arthur Lasky  
 F - Blaine Mischel  
 G - Edi Birsan (dro FO5)  
 David Isby  
 I - Peter Comber  
 A - Sam Nierenberg  
 (won F14)  
 R - Joseph Shuldiner  
 T - Donald Berman  
 (out FO4)

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The builds and removals following "Fall 1914" moves are:

FRANCE (Mischel): Removes A Ruh.

ITALY (Comber): Builds A Nap.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Nierenberg): Builds A Bud.

## 1972A - PRESS RELEASES

ATHENS (24 Dec. 1901): The King of Greece today deplored the Turkish aggression upon his nation, and swore lasting loyalty to his Austro-Hungarian ally to the north.

VIENNA (25 Dec. 1901): The Emperor of Austria-Hungary, upon reading the Turkish press release in GRAUSTARK #258, sent regards to the Emperor of the Ottoman Empire, Mark the Turk. He also stated that he will deeply regret delivering to Turkey the coup d'grace when the proper time approaches.

BUDAPEST (30 Dec. 1901): The Emperor's Secretary of State replied today to the French allegation that the Emperor of Austria-Hungary doesn't know enough to come in out of the cold. "That may be so," he said, "but at least he would know enough to come in out of the Reign."

CONSTANTINOPLE: This great power plans to have a delegate in that far-away power of America on the Thursday of the fourth week of November. We suspect that he will receive a warm welcome. With a country such as this as our ally, how could we possibly loose? ((sic))

ST. PETERSBURG (April 1902): After rejection by the Austrian-Italian alliance of our most recent and extremely generous alliance proposals the Czar has decided to form an alliance with the Turkish government. Gen. Borishenko was called back from Vienna after his latest communique informed the Czar of a breakdown of negotiations because "these fat Austrians are more concerned in filling their bellies with creampuffs than in waging war". Which undoubtedly explains why they fight like creampuffs. The Czar wishes to express no hard feelings towards the Austrians, but he prefers a good bowl of borscht to a creampuff.

## FREEDONIA?

The 2nd issue of this bulletin of Origins of World War II has been delayed because one of the original players has withdrawn. The first person to send in a \$3 entry fee will replace him, and the game will proceed. A second game will be started if any further entry fees come in. Send for a copy of FREEDONIA Vol. II, #1 for further information.

**PHUMPHAN** (United Rabble Rousing Press): A mysterious series of nine pressreleases was received at URRP wire service headquarters, and are printed below. Though they carry various Phumphan datelines, official Phumphan sources know nothing of them. It is suspected that they originated near the Barents Sea, and that the numerous errors of spelling, grammar, and syntax are due to the difficulties in writing with frozen fingers.

**"Y PHUMPA (GOLLY)":** It has been reported today that the head head in PHUMPA has been pumping the people for all they have and has been playing them for suckers. All the head head had to say was Pump ya.

**"U PHUHPA (GOLLY)":** It has been noted that the suckers that abound in Y Phumpa, have been used in U Phumpa the reason that they are used here is that they taste so goooooooooodddd.!!!

**"I PHUMPA (GOLLY)":** If you trust a Goon  
don't move to soon  
For one might say  
He went thataway  
And then you're goone.

**"E PHUMPA (GOONLY)":** Here today goon tomorrow!

**"SCREWLA (GOLLY)":** It has been reported that the Kind Karlos Kotexya the Cazr of all Russia has made a pact with Honj the Horny. They will supply the fighting men in the Russian forces and KKK will drink, or soak up all the blood.

**"LONDON":** What a bloody mess that is!!!

**"POLLUTIDAR (GOOLY)":** Honj the Horny today gave criet to KKK the Cazr of all Russia by saying "he done be the only man I know that can roll in blood and like it. Like he had all he wanted here and still wanted more."

**"MOSCOW (GOLLY)":** It as been a well kept secert that KKK had given birth to an infant that was presented to Horny to raise. One wonders what this thing was and what it will be doing later and if it looks like KKK the cazr of all Russia.

**"WARSAW (GOOLY)":** Barents had this to say today "We are right on top of this thing and we won't leave til we've gotten it down pat."

**KOARSAR, POLLUTIDAR (URRP):** Nein, King of Anoroc and High Admiral of Pollutidar, announced to the Inferial Diet that military operations around the North Polar Opening are proceeding according to schedule. The Inferial Fleet, composed of Mezops and Koarsars from the oceans of the Inner Crust, have sailed through the opening and are raiding the northern coasts of Russia, one of the seven noisy Outer Crust powers whose war is keeping Pollutidareans from getting any sleep. Relations among the usually hostile Pollutidarean sea powers are quite good; only two Mezop war canoes and a Koarsar lugger have been sunk in internecine quarrels. Even these fights have proven useful to the Pollutidarean war effort, since the supply of corpses induced several Inner Crust sea monsters to follow the fleet. At last report, elasmosauri had picked 15 Russian sailors off the decks of their ships in the White Sea, and one Russian torpedo boat had been swallowed whole by a kronosaurus.

Following this speech, the Minister of Impropropaganda warned that the Russians were transmitting spurious despatches, including one purporting to come from His Inferial Majesty Honj the Horny, Empercar of Pollutidar. The presence of misspelled words and impossible grammar is a complete give-away of these forgeries.

**THE SEA WHOSE NAME WE ALL KNOW AND LOVE (IDUNNO):** The British 2nd Fleet moved into this body of water for sampling of seaweed yesterday. In a touching ceremony involving dumping four tonnes of oolong into the water, it was renamed the Lipton Sea, in honor of His Majesty, Robert I of the house of Lipton-Cohn. In all future movements it will be referred to as either Lipton Sea or it's abbreviation, LIP. This is not an offensive move. We will not attack any Russian provinces, and it is requested that Russia take no lip from us. This non-agression treaty will be effective for one year, renewable, unless British territory is attacked.

**SOUTH OF THE BORDER, DOWN ALGIERS WAY (JUNKS):** The British Third Fleet moved south on R&R. It is expected that they will take their well-deserved shore Leave within a year. It is requested that the English learn french, or vice versa.

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## A LETTER FROM THE OUD SOD

((The following communication was found in Kevin's Bar in Washington Heights after chucking-out time. The owner may claim it by identifying himself and paying for the broken bottles before St. Patrick's Day.))

Dear cousin,

Your welcome letter was received and me and your Aunt Bridget thank you kindly for the money you sent. We have seven Masses said for your grandfather and grandmother, God rest their souls.

You have gone high places in America, God bless you. I hope you'll not be putting on airs and forgetting your native land.

Your cousin Hughie O'Toole was hung in Derry last week for killing a policeman. May God rest his soul and may God's curse be on Jimmy Rogers, the informer, and may he burn in hell - God forgive me.

Times are not as bad as they might be. The herring are back and nearly everyone has a heart in making ends meet and the price of fish is good, thanks be to God.

We had a fine time at Pat Muldoon's wake. He was an old blatherskite and it seemed good to see him stretched out with his mouth shut. He is better off dead and he'll burn in hell until the damn place freezes over. He had too many friends among the Orangemen, God curse the lot of them.

Bless your heart, I almost forgot to tell you about your Uncle Dinny. He took a pot-shot at a turncoat from the back of the hedge but he had too much drink in him and missed. God curse the dirty drink.

I hope this letter finds you in good health and may God keep reminding you to keep sending over money.

The Brennans are 100% stronger around here since they stopped going to America. Father Flaherty, who baptized you, is now feeble-minded and sends you his blessing.

Nellie O'Brien, the brat you used to go to school with, has married an Englishman. She'll have no luck.

Last week the IRA blew up three more mailboxes and drove the tax collector's auto into the river. Everyone concerned had a glorious time.

May God take care of the lot of you and may He keep you from sudden death.

Your devoted cousin,

Timothy

P. S. Things look bright again. Every police barracks and Protestant Church in County Tyrone has been burned to the ground. Keep sending money.

## 1970BN - PRESS RELEASES

BANGBANGBANGBANG BONG: High in the Jarrahejaklaotea Mts. of BANGBANGBANG BONG a wizard on the highest peak know as Barahlarah, looks into his crystal ball and sees Hasha and friends wondering in the desert for forty yrs. He thinks to him self' man can I fool those stupid humans. I command them and they do. Like they think that I'm a GOD but I walk just like them. Into the waters you Humans hahaha they did it. 10,000 sea gulls fly low over head. wow run all this power like what I'm going to do with it. I like it I REALLY LIKE IT. What can I have those stupid people do now? I'm a GOD a real God. I think that I'll take over the whole thing, John of Brooklyn take to the scene.'

ISSHEMEAL-KEP (Rodent): After the Haron girl revolt the city has been quite. The honey moon is up though as the men started working today. When questioned they all had they same thing to say "I'm really tired no sleep in 15 weeks I'm done for don't want another woman for years like them there things are never full 15,20 and more at one time. On call 24 hours a day..." and so it goes.

HYDUNDERABAD (URRP): Pandit the Bandit, leader of the Peristaltic Movement, today announced that 38 former haron girls had joined his rebel forces in the Gonnalaya Mountains. "These girls, formerly owned body and soul by the decadent tyrant Maharajah Kansutra IX, have shaken loose their chains and joined the people's forces," he said.

"I have enlisted in the rebel army, and are devoted body and soul to the overthrow of the Maharajah's corrupt tyranny. So complete is their commitment to the people's cause that not one of them has left the rebel encampment for a minute since they joined us!"

HOTDOGGISTAN (URRP): The Indian focus of attention was drawn today from Hyderabad to its southern neighbor Hotdoggistan, whose Hereditary Wazoo has faced increasing unrest from his subjects. His Invincibility the Wazoo is an enthusiastic hunter, and at the beginning of his reign ten years ago he decreed that no wild beast be killed, that he could always enjoy abundant sport.

After a decade of watching wild boar and deer eat their crops, while tigers and leopards devoured goats and goatherds alike, the people of this tiny state have finally risen in revolt. The Wazoo hastily signed an abdication and left on the next airplane for Lisbon. According to a local observe, "The reign was called on account of game!"

ISSHEMEAL-GAKA (Rodent): We join our bloated fellows as they have had their fill. finding them in this fashion one weenders if they did find the Key. we hear Hasha Say "Look the Key".

"Yes I see it too"

"well get it"

"I can't"

"Why Not"

"I'm bloated, you get it. It's your key."

"I can't"

"Why Wet?"

"I'm Also to bloated"

So there sets the Key ling in the sun drying aut. So As our two fellows also dry out we heave then to their key And weander if any one else will take it.

BING BONG KONG MOUTANIS: "It is fun neatching these pour martals fight for survial in the harsh & creul world that I make far them. I the ruler of All" So Speaks God. As he is saying this A cloud gathers over head, from which a highling balt strikes God

"Whizara that"

"It is the John"

"Yes master"

"Remember I'm ruler of all"

"That is uhat you thik I'm ruler of All"

Where will this head us?

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Y, PHUMPHA (IDUNNO): Why Phumpha? I dunno.

Y, PHUMPHA (National Obituary Tutti-Fruiti): "We will now show the taped interview with Meroakia's Sophia Septimus the VIII, absolute ruler of the Chauvinistically Sowish Matriarchy of Greater & Lesser Meroakia."

On the television comes in a picture of an old woman, blue-haired and three feet nine inches in height. A howl begins, rising in pitch and volume. The image becomes fuzzy, the sound system goes out. Then, an earthquake starts. The Picture blacks out.

"There was the interview, people. Our interviewer, Balzac Bronchitis is recovering, however, and the doctor tells me that he will suffer only deafness in the long run. Sophia Septimus later announced that despite the loss of all her serfs in the earthquake, which she claims was started by the same element of the Underground that clogged up the Bottomless plungehole, she would fight the forces of Michaelis the Serf to the next-to-last Meroakian."

POLLUTIDAR (URRP): His Inferial Majesty Honj the Horny, Emperoar of Pollutidar, announced that a secret Outer Crust plot to drill a tunnel into Pollutidar had been discovered. This tunnel is believed to begin somewhere in Phumpha, where it is called "the Bottomless Plungehole". A crew of Xaxot seismologists is presently trying to locate the place where it will break through. When this is done, countermining by a regiment of ravenously hungry Coripis will begin.



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## THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

JOHN A. McCALLUM, PO, Box 52, Ralston, Alberta (15 Oct. 1971): Another problem for the quiz to replace the 'Whose Little Girl Are You' contest. One of our great powers, A, was at war with another of our great powers, B, and some other countries. It was hard pressed and desired another of our great powers, C, to make a demonstration which would cause B some anxiety and so relieve the pressure on A. A woman, well known for her amatory activities, had great influence and power in the government of country C. The government of A chose for their ambassador to C a good looking man, reputed to have had considerable success with the ladies. The lady, of country C, replied to his advances with the words, "If I had been a younger woman, I might have been tempted," but followed the path of duty and refrained from involving her country in an adventure in which it was not immediately concerned. Question - What countries are A, B, and C, who was the ambassador, and who the lady?

(10 Nov. 1971): GRAU #251 here today, better time than usual. What with your mast head quote, your comment on 'Veritas Vincit' and so on, Gray is soon going to be as unreadable by the unLatined as Prisevs Ordo Seclorum is.

You quote a letter of mine and state that answers will be given in a later issue. So I suppose I had better submit some answers. I think in an earlier letter I mentioned the surname, but not the given name, of the person who was certainly Napoleon's mistress and was generally regarded as Wellington's as well. Her full name, Giusoppina Grassini. The given name must have been rather convenient to the Corsican, raised speaking both Italian and French, since if he murmured it instead of Josephine, or the reverse, he could always excuse himself by saying he was thinking in Italian, or French, as required.

The Embassy that was originally a morning gift was the British Embassy in Russia. It occupied part of the Saltykov Palace, the gift of Catherine the Great to her first lover, a liaison that has already been commented on at length in Gray. ((According to the Express's memoirs, this liaison produced her son and successor, Tsar Pavel. Every subsequent member of the house of "Romanov" is descended from him.)) It was an enormous place, much too large for a private family. Up until the revolution the Saltykov family retained the use of one half of it, the half overlooking the Champ de Mars, the St. Petersburg parade ground. The other half, facing on the Nevsky Prospekt, with the Neva beyond, was leased to the British government for use as their embassy.

((As for the other problem, I have a nearly correct solution for it. If A is Austria, B is France, and C is Prussia, the "ancestor" of the German Empire, then the ambassador could well be Metternich. The lady I am uncertain of; she might have been the Queen of Prussia. The situation was right after Austerlitz, with Prussia still neutral but inclining towards alliance against France. However, in this case the ambassador's mission did not fail, and Prussia declared war against France. The calamitous battles of Jena and Eylau were the results. This is an aspect of Metternich's career which is little noted, and might well explain part of Henry Kissinger's admiration for him and his policies.))

...Allan Calhamer's suggestion for a form for submitting moves would never work in the Pfennig-Halpfennig editorial office which is operated on the principle of a confused mess where I know where everything is. The one move that I ever lost - a retreat of Mike Goldfoin's last summer - was lost after I tried to introduce the slight systematization of having a separate file for letters with moves, as distinct from other pending letters. You will remember one of Parkinson's essays where he states that over organization is invariably a symptom of decay, I can see it all for Diplomacy: Players assigned to games by some vast central agency, all moves to be submitted on forms available from said central agency at 50 for a dollar, to be increased next year to 25 for a dollar, press releases written by professional authors, just state whether you want satiric, polemic, didactic, or lyric - and players disappearing by thousands. As you state the idea might be useful for a gamemaster running a great many games; but surely there is an easier solution to his problem, namely to reduce his games to what he can conveniently handle.

(undated): Speaking of that contest game, here is another question:

A diplomat (and 'Diplomacy' is the name of the game, after all) during his final illness and aware that he was dying, revised his will, mainly in order to make some provision for those who were tending him during the last period of his life. He took the opportunity, however, to insert the following paragraph concerning his wife's lover -

"The copy of \_\_\_\_\_'s picture of (my wife), in enamel, by \_\_\_\_\_, I give to my dearest friend, (the wife's lover), a very small token of the great regard I have for (him), the most virtuous, loyal, and truly brave character I ever met with, God bless him, and shame fall on those who do not say 'Amen'."

As you can see, I have deleted name of wife and lover, and have replaced the name of artist and copyist of the portrait by dashes just in case there are some art historians in the crowd. The problem is to identify the three principals of the triangle.

OSWALD VON METZKE, P. O. Box 8342, San Diego, Calif. 92116 (4 Feb. 1972): Rod's letter in #257 notes that the last Wazir failed to mention my name in the context of the 'grand-daddy' southern stalemate. That is just as well; I did not 'uncover' it, I merely first publicized it. The true discoverers - plural - were Robert Cline and Daniel S. Barrows. This was for a Wild 'n' Woolly contest back in, I believe, 1966. If there is to be any naming, those are the names.

And Terry Kuch suggests that 'Bangle Dosh' properly translates as 'East Bengal'. You, John, offer 'Bengali State' as the most common version. I have enquired of a local friend, an Indian (to be sure, a Parsi, but nevertheless an Indian with knowledge of Bengali); and he supports Dr. Kuch. For my part, I am ignorant. But at least Terry now has one native vote.

To your review of 'Convention' ((in GRAUSTARK #257)) and more particularly to the comments you make on the outlook for The Presidency '72. Alas, I fear you overestimate the voting potential of the left side, alias the 'Peoples' Party', etc. You are right, of course, that the spectrum offered us by the principal candidates of both parties is about as wide as the white line in the highway, and at best in about the same location. ((And providing the same amount of safety to someone who occupies it.)) (There are exceptions; I consider McGovern, Chisholm, Ashbrook, and in certain very limited areas McGloskey and Yorty, to represent somewhat less 'centrist' views. But these are all minor names. And then there's Madman George Gorley -)

Well, I digress. As I started to say, I think you overestimate the Left. You say that the 'People's Party is moving in from the Left'. Is it? How fast, how far, and with what actual force? I cannot find any evidence that the push is making any more of a splash than in terms of headline 'scare banners'. ((Neither can I. I merely cited its existence. Unlike the Wallace candidacy on the other wing, it is spread over the country and thus not so concentrated that it can carry any state. But it may serve to deny some crucial states to a pro-war Democrat and thus bring a breath of political reality into the councils of that party. On the other hand, the People's Party may itself nominate someone with a pro-war voting record and a large element of hypocrisy in his make-up, like McCarthy, McGovern, or Lindsay.)) Now it is true that I live in a politically sterile area; nobody here gets terribly virulent one way or another. But the same can be seen in supposedly 'activist' centres such as San Francisco, Los Angeles, and particularly the black ghettos of all three cities. A depression has set in, not financial (though that may be true too) but emotional. The cry of 'rampant apathy' is quite valid. We will elect either Nixon or his Democratic reflection, and except for certain small-scale variations, there will be no change.

....Incidentally, now that I am combining Mongo into Costaguan, your magazine once again properly bears the description 'oldest magazine of postal Diplomacy'. Congratulations. Since you've always had the de facto, you are really entitled to the de jure.

ROBERT BRYAN LIPTON, 556 Green Place, Woodmere, N. Y. 11598 (1 Feb. 1972): Although I enjoy the press releases, I feel that the space would be taken up more profitably by articles on Diplomacy in general.

((I agree. Would anybody like to write some?))

You may have heard me talk about the variation of Diplomacy 'Blackout'. Only two things have stopped me from setting up a game: One, it takes eight sets to play it; one

for each player, and one for the gamesmaster; two, I can find only one person who's willing to try it. If you're interested, here are the rules for the postal variation:

- 1) All countries and moves are set up as in regular postal Diplomacy.
- 2) Each person is told only his country, preferably by means of a non-duplicable method. Each player is also told how to contact the other players.
- 3) If a unit is dislodged, he is told the name of the player whose piece dislodged it. He is also told the name of the player who takes any supply center that he previously controlled.
- 4) He is never told by the gamesmaster who plays which position.

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As you can see, this would tend to make all players somewhat paranoid in their playing. In fact, one person when I told him about it, suggested that it be called 'Paranoia'. Well, it's a good idea.

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(2 Feb. 1972) Your anti-war standing is obvious, and the proponents of the war seem to be at a disadvantage, especially now, when we are withdrawing from the conflict (down to 137,000 now). ((By the authority of a government which has not only exercised, but also openly asserted, a "right to lie".)) However, I would think that your knowledge of the reasons of wars would lead you to understanding how we got in Viet Nam. ((sic))

Basically, we are in the situation that predated WWI: To wit, two superforces who are arranged against each other. This situation is inherently unstable, as each side does not know how important any given area is to the other ((and wouldn't believe it if told)), and, in attempting to make gains, finds itself in direct conflict (i. e. the Serbian situation that set off WWI). I think that the only things that have kept USSR and US out of war were first, the American isolationist tendency, and secondly, the fear that either side can completely destroy the other on attack, and be ruined in turn. There are no superpowers besides the US and USSR, and this causes the unstable situation. War might have broken out before WWI in the other situations where there were only two powers with non-overextended lines: Iran in '07, in Rumania in '87, etc. It was only threat by the other great powers who threatened war on other fronts that brought these conflicts to a halt.

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Our present era of two Great Power axes will end with the emergence of other countries to the rank of super-power. I predict Red China, Japan, South Africa, and perhaps West Germany. ((How about the European Common Market as a political entity? A country with a population of 260 million and an industrial potential nearly that of the United States certainly qualifies as a "superpower".)) The basic independence of these countries should lead to an equilibrium.

((The Blackout variant seems to be an attempt to place the Chess version 'Kriegspiel' in a Diplomacy context. Donald Miller has tried something similar in variations in his 'zines. In it, play proceeded regularly, with moves published each season, except that no one knew who was playing the other countries.))

JOE ANTOSIAK, 3637 Arden Ave., Brookfield, Ill. 60513 (17 Feb. 1972): About the "D. B. Cooper, Where Are You?" comment in GRAUSTARK #258: a Chicago Daily News columnist some time ago...mentioned the rise to hero-hood of "D. B. Cooper" and then remarked, "One thing these hero-worshippers seem to be overlooking is the fact that the answer to the question, 'D. B. Cooper, where are you?' may very well be, 'Hanging upside down from a pine tree somewhere in Oregon trying to offer a bear a hundred thousand dollars to get me down!'"

JEREMIAH B. MODEL, 3434 20th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minn. 55407 (6 Feb. 1972): I find it somewhat regrettable that you started so many new games recently, since it means that you will have no new games beginning for some time. I would have preferred that you started one or two new games, started more in a couple of months.

((So would have I. But it's been my experience that entries come flooding in, once I open them, and that it's easiest to get it all done at once.))

...At any rate, I enjoy GRAUSTARK. My objections above are really very minor and special.

You may have noticed how much news has been passed in the last few weeks concerning a "major North Vietnamese build-up", possibly leading to a new "tet offensive". I'm sure Richard Nixon does NOT want to be caught flat-footed as did LBJ by such a devastating attack. If it happens, he wants to be able to say "we expected it all the time". If it doesn't he can point to how successful vietnamization is.

The one thing that worries Dicky most about Vietnam is the possibility of a really successful and violent offensive. Can you imagine what would happen if the U. S. suffered 200 deaths in a week, and a red flag were raised over Kontum, or a similar city?

((Easily. Nixon would simply drop nuclear bombs on Hanoi. The Chinese government, quite aware of this, is engaged in cutting the cords that tie it to Hanoi. This way, when North Vietnam goes down the drain, China won't go with it. Hanoi, in short, occupies that same position that Warsaw did on the day in August 1939 when Ribbentrop flew to Moscow.))

There is really only one "honorable" way out of this bloody war. That way is surrender. The U. S. command should ring up the nearest North Vietnamese or Viet Cong camp and ask for surrender terms. Surrender is the only honorable way out for a defeated invading army. It's been done before. Lots of British Expeditionary Forces have surrendered honorably. (It happened in America once, I seem to recall..)

Those against the war, or who think they are, should reexamine themselves if that word "surrender" seems somehow objectionable. "Getting out" is too easy; it doesn't force anybody to learn anything from the mess. Surrender is final, neat, honorable, and saves lives. It also obligates your enemy to deal with you honestly: after all, he has nothing to lose and everything to gain.

If anybody should ask me, how I feel about the war, I shall answer them, "The U. S. Army should surrender immediately."

My ideal presidential ticket would be: Chisholm and McCarthy. Eugene McCarthy is ideal for a Vice-President. It isn't much work, allows maximum literary freedom, and he could set a very mellow tone for the country through speechmaking.

Incidentally, those in New York who admire McCarthy ought to take some note of his lack of popularity in Minnesota. If he ran for Senator here, again, he would lose. After '68, he had the worst attendance record in the senate, which did not endear him to many constituents. His reasons, reasonably enough, center mainly around the fact that most votes are on trivia. He only votes the two or three times a month when anything significant is going to happen.

Also, as nice as Gene is, he is a bit lazy.

((That is an excellent recommendation where the presidency is concerned, after the administrations of three gluttons for activity like Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon.))

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